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Happy New Year! Welcome to the kick-off edition of our 5th year of publication. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. My birthday just passed on January 5th and as a result this issue of the Newsletter is being published and distributed on my brand new, high-speed computer. What a difference! It's just great. It makes surfing around through all the websites much easier.

My apologies for this edition getting out so late, but given the holiday period, and a number of other pressing deadline issues I had to meet, this was the earliest time I could get to it. Things should be back to normal next month.

This month's Monthly Special Zone features Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Also, January 26th is the big day for NFL football fans, like myself. As a result, I have included the official site for the big game. My annual Superbowl party plans are already well under way.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY

There was a drastic drop down to only 27 responses to last month's survey question. Pretty disappointing, but I guess the holidays had many of you busy with other things.

Last month's question featured traveling. The question was:

Which country would you most like to visit?

Only two countries received more than one vote. The winner, by a landslide, was Australia, with 10 votes. New Zealand came in a distant second with only 2 votes. A few interesting choices came up, including Egypt, Lebanon, Greenland and Siberia!

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Let's have some fun with food this month. Here in Montreal, restaurants are a way of life. Visitors from around the world and locals alike rave about the quality and choice of food available. In fact, I saw an article indicating that a person in Montreal could eat 3 meals a day, in a different restaurant each time, and do so for 5 years, never eating in the same place twice! Our question, therefore, is this:

Which national cuisine is your favourite:

Italian
Chinese
Japanese
Lebanese
Greek
Thai
Vietnamese
Indian
Mexican
Other (please specify)

Feel free to expand on this and tell us your favourite dish. Please send along your response by e-mail to hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Input continues to be way down with only a handful of you contributing to this month's edition. Thank you to those who took the time.

Paul de Haan, Groningen, Holland
Bob Ellis, via AOR UK website
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec
Robert Maskill, Peterborough Cambridgeshire, UK
Ed Mayberry, Houston, Texas
Dick Pearce, Brattleboro, Vermont
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland
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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

http://www.mlkday.org/

Join thousands of Americans across the country who are honoring the life and work of Dr. King by serving their community on the King holiday on January 20. This Website will help you find out how to serve. Or

give you tips for creating and enhancing a service project of your own.

SUPERBOWL XXXVII

http://www.superbowl.com/

This is the official site of the championship of the National Football League. This year's game takes place in San Diego on Sunday, January 26, 2003

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YAESU VX-7R TRI-BAND 5 WATT HANDHELD WITH DTMF KEYPAD THE WORLD'S FIRST SUBMERSIBLE AMATEUR HAND-HELD

Protected against water by a wide array of rubber gaskets and other weatherproofing techniques, the VX-7R is rated for 30 minutes of submersion at a depth of 3 feet, plus a tough magnesium body with rubber bumper pads, making it ideal for outdoor use. You get Dual Receive, 50/144/430 MHz operation plus wide-band receive coverage, a full color status indicator Strobe, and an "Internet" key for quick access to the exciting new WIRES repeater-internet linking system. This model is available in either silver or black colouring. You can find full details and specification of this radio at:

http://www.yaesu.com/amateur/vx-7r.html

Contact Radio HF for pricing and availability on this model and all other Yaesu products.

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THE RADIO ZONE

C.B.C. ARCHIVES

http://cbc.ca/archives
In English
http://radiocanada.ca/archives
In French

VIA Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec

Internet users now have access to the bilingual CBC Radio & Television Archives Website), making these Canadian memories available on-line through audio and video clips, with support from Canadian Heritage's "Canadian Culture Online funding program." According to Lucie Lalumière, Executive Director, New Media, more than 1,000 news and current affairs radio and television clips and 1,000 original pages of information are available on-line, enhanced with texts exploring the historical context surrounding significant events. Says Franois Boulet, Archives Website Director: "The CBC/Radio-Canada Archives site

will double the original content in the coming year, offering all Canadians, especially teachers and students, a unique journey through time to learn about events and rediscover outstanding figures throughout Canadian history."

DXING.INFO

http://www.dxing.info

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Wouldn't it be great to have one single website where you could check out the latest news, audio clips, loggings and background information? All this combined with an interactive forum for discussion, giving you the opportunity to chat with DXers from all around the world. Not a dream anymore - such a site is located here.

DX WORLD

http://www.dxworld.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Billboarded as the new home for the radio hobby, this site has been around for some time, but has gone through an overhaul. Be prepared to spend some time here going through the hundreds of links relating to all aspects of the radio hobby.

DX'ING RUSSIA

http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Park/3232/dxing_russia.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Here is an interesting site for those of you who have an interest in all aspects of radio in Russia, starting off with general interest information on the country, followed by hundreds of links to radio related Russian sites.

INTERNATIONAL LISTENER

http://www.internationallistener.com/

VIA Ed Mayberry, Houston, Texas

International Listener features links to shortwave radio stations around the world, and launches webcasts and on-demand radio programs so that you can hear these broadcasts through your computer. This site disappeared when Tropical Storm Allison flooded Ed's home with five feet of water in June 2001, but now the site is back, in a new and improved format.

THE INTERVAL SIGNALS ARCHIVE

http://www.intervalsignals.net/

VIA Simone Stoeppler, Bad Salzschlirf, Germany

It provides an archive of audio clips of interval signals, signature tunes, and identification announcements from international, domestic, and clandestine radio stations around the world. It also includes other interesting links like radio frequency database, national anthems of the world etc.

BOBBY OCEAN'S RADIO CARTOON GALLERY

http://radio411.com/cartoons.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Anyone in the radio business, or with a casual interest in the medium of commercial radio, will get a lot of laughs from this collection of radio related cartoons. You can even have your favourites printed on coffee mugs, t-shirts, mouse pads, etc.

COASTAL RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

http://www.coastalradio.greater-peterborough.com/

VIA Robert Maskill, Peterborough Cambridgeshire, UK

This site offers a collection of maritime radio frequencies, covering the world of M.F. and V.H.F. coastal radio.

LEGENDARY OFFSHORE RADIO STATIONS 1958-1990

http://www.marine-broadcasters.com/

VIA Paul de Haan, Groningen, Holland

Our site takes a closer look at offshore radio broadcasters off the UK and Dutch coast in the 60s, 70s and 80s.

W6RO ON THE QUEEN MARY

http://www.mpicomputers.com/ham/queen/

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

A site dedicated to the amateur radio station operating from the world famous ship, the Queen Mary.

AMATEUR RADIO ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

http://www.ariss.net/

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland

This page documents Amateur Radio data digipeated by the International Space Station.

HOW TO BECOME AN ANTENNA GURU

http://www.borg.com/~warrend/guru.html

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador and Newfoundland

This is a very low-key tutorial on antenna concepts that you may find useful.

KD4RDB APRS HOMEPAGE

http://wes.johnston.net/aprs/

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador and Newfoundland

An all-purpose information site for APRS buffs.

N4GN'S HOMEPAGE

http://www.n4gn.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The resources you find here represent many of the personal interests of Tim Totten of Louisville, Kentucky, with a strong emphasis on amateur radio. The site includes some great links to various specialized aspects of the amateur radio hobby.

THE NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY

http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/

VIA Alex Vegh, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Socorro, New Mexico, is the home of NRAO operations in New Mexico. Located on the campus of New Mexico Tech, the Array Operations Center houses scientific, engineering, technical, computer and support staff for both the Very Large Array and the Very Long Baseline Array. It includes the control center and correlator for VLBA observations and provides space for the Atacama Large Millimetre Array project. Learn more about the site and be sure to read the page on the introduction to radio astronomy.
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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

THE MIRACLE WHIP ANTENNA

The Miracle Whip is the only completely self-contained, all-band (including HF/VHF/UHF) 57-inch telescoping whip antenna with integrated tuner for receiving and transmitting that mounts right on your radio. The Miracle Whip liberates your rig from coax, cables, mounts, tripods and trees, and gives you remarkable performance, including DX, from desktop to picnic table, and can even do it without a ground. You can check out all of the details on this unique Canadian produced product on their website at:

http://www.miracleantenna.com/

Please contact Radio HF for the pricing and availability of this product.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

THE HUBBLE SITE

http://hubblesite.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Chances are you haven't seen what NASA's orbiting Hubble Space Telescope sees. Hubble sees the raw beauty of the universe from above Earth's atmosphere and sends back a portrait of the universe in exquisite detail. Here's your chance to leave the ground for a while... and see what Hubble sees. At the Space Telescope Science Institute, we're working hard to study and explain the once-unimaginable celestial phenomena now made visible using Hubble's cutting-edge technology. In the course of this exploration we will continue to share with you the grace and beauty of the universe… because the discoveries belong to all of us. Probe deeper! Explore the following links to learn more about who we are and what we do.

UNDERGROUND HISTORY

http://www.starfury.demon.co.uk/uground/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

The London Underground has ferried people under the city's streets for more than a century, and over time, about 40 stations have been abandoned. Hywel Williams, the creator of this site, explains there are two types of Tube lines: deep-level tubes, which use tunnels dug deep underground, and cut-and-cover lines, built by ripping up streets to install the subway. Williams has toured and photographed ghost stations on both types of lines, as well as unused tunnels connected to still-operating stations. The Aldwych branch of the Piccadilly Line doesn't see commuters anymore, but it's been used as a film and TV show location and is even featured in the "Tomb Raider" video game. Down Street Station was shut in 1932 but served as Winston Churchill's cabinet room early in WWII. The site even visits fictional Tube stops, such as Walford East from the popular British TV show East Enders and Vauxhall Cross featured in the James Bond movie Die Another Day. If you're visiting London, make sure to check out some of the ghost stations for yourself. And remember to mind the gap!

THE MONORAIL SOCIETY

http://www.monorails.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The MONORAIL society is an all-volunteer organization founded to foster more awareness and promote this unique method of transit. Monorails are NOT just for theme parks and zoos! Our aim is to inform people of

the many possible uses for them.
The Society has over 2700 members in 67 countries on 6 continents.

GHOST TOWN GALLERY

http://www.ghosttowngallery.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

50 new pages filled with Ghost Town photos from Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Among them are highlights like Tombstone and Ruby in Arizona, Crystal and Animas Forks in Colorado, Mogollon and Lake Valley in New Mexico. And we have some new Virtual Ghost Town Postcards.

PC PHOTO HELPLINE

http://www.pcphotomag.com/content/articles/helpline/index.html

VIA Dick Pearce, Brattleboro, Vermont

Here's a website with the most useful information I've found yet for anyone new to digital photography. It's an index of archived columns called 'Helpline" by Michael Guncheon of PCPhoto magazine.

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LARSEN ANTENNAS

One of the major suppliers of base, mobile and portable antennas for both the amateur and commercial applications, Larsen offers a great selection of styles of antennas and a number of different mounts. These are good-looking, high quality antennas. Their website clearly displays their complete line of products, at:

http://www.larsenantennas.com/

Please contact Radio HF for pricing and availability on any of the Larsen products.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

ETHNOLOGUE

http://www.ethnologue.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Here is an on-line database of information about 6,500 languages of the world. The site includes alternate names, number of speakers, location, dialects, linguistic affiliation, and other socio-linguistic and demographic data.

THE INTERNET SEARCH ENGINE DATABASE

http://www.isedb.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This site provides information on directories and search engines, as well as articles and news. From the front page you'll see pages for listings of search engines and directories. Underneath that you'll see a list of the most recently added search engines and directory. Over on the right are links to articles and news offsite articles are listed too

THE DAYS OF HISTORY

http://www.hist.unt.edu/2dayhist.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

If you're looking for information on what happened in history on any given day, in various subjects, this site offers up hundreds of links to websites offering daily historical information.

ONIISAN'S LINKS PAGE

http://members.person.net/~oniisan/sites.htm

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

ALL kinds of Links to All kinds of things including Old Time Radio

WORLD OF KITSCH

http://www.worldofkitsch.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

This is a tribute to all things tacky. The slightly less than stunning but ever tasteful site dedicated to the people, places, objects and entertainment that have become known as "Kitsch"! "Kitsch" comes from the German word for "trash" and is defined as something of poor taste and quality. But this site broadens the term to include music, celebrities, film, and everything that is desirably hideous.

SLANGUAGE

http://www.slanguage.com

VIA Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Talk like the locals. North American and European words and phrases in city-by-city click-on listings of local phrases generously translated for your entertainment. Try 'Bar Harbor' Maine as a fine example.

CINEMORGUE

http://www.cinemorgue.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Which actresses have done death scenes in movies? A strange question, but it has spawned this website. Click on an actress' name to see a list of movies in which she died, with a brief description of the death scene. Beware, though, that this information usually gives away a good part of the plot of the movie, generally indicating who the killer was as well.

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NEW PUBLICATION RELEASES

EXPERIMENTAL METHODS IN RF DESIGN

by Wes Hayward, W7ZOI, Rick Campbell, KK7B, and Bob Larkin, W7PUA
Immerse yourself in the communications experience by building equipment that contributes to understanding basic concepts and circuits. Explore wide dynamic range, low distortion radio equipment, the use of direct conversion and phasing methods, and digital signal processing. Use the models and discussion to design, build and measure equipment at both the circuit and the system level. Laced with new unpublished projects and illustrated with CW and SSB gear.
Contents:
-Basic Investigations in Electronics
-Chapters on Amplifiers, Filters, Oscillators, and Mixers
-Superheterodyne Transmitters and Receivers
-Measurement Equipment
-Direct Conversion Receivers
-Phasing Receivers and Transmitters
-DSP Components
-DSP Applications in Communications
-Field Operation, Portable Gear, and Integrated Stations
This work is successor to the widely popular Solid-State Design for the Radio Amateur, published in 1977.
CD-ROM included with design software, listings for DSP firmware, and supplementary articles.
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ARRL's popular journals are available on a compact, fully searchable CD-ROM. Every word and photo published during 2002 is included!
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-NCJ National Contest Journal
-QEX Forum for Communications Experimenters
Search the full text of every article by entering titles, call signs, names - any word. See every word, photo (most in color), drawing and table in technical and general-interest features, columns and product reviews, plus all advertisements. Print what you see, or copy it into other applications. Web links appearing in any article can be used to launch your existing Web browser to view additional information.
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ANTENNA COMPENDIUM VOLUME 7

Hooray for antennas! This is the seventh in the very popular ARRL Antenna Compendium series. Inside, you'll find articles covering a very wide range of antenna-related topics:
30, 40, 80 and 160-Metre Antennas
Measurements and Computations
Mobile Antennas
Multiband Antennas
Practical Tips
Propagation and Ground Effects
Quad Antennas
Special Antennas
Stealth Antennas
Tuners and Transmission Lines
Vertical Antennas
VHF/UHF Antennas
Wire Antennas
Yagi Antennas

This volume includes even more articles on low-band antennas and operating, and great designs for operating on the road-from cars, vans or motorhomes.
208 pages. First edition - 2002 The American Radio Relay League. #8608 -- $39.95 Canadian

Please contact Radio H.F. for ordering information on these new releases, or any other books or publications.

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS, Pierrefonds, Quebec)

February 1
Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Big Event 25 - St. Catharines, Ontario
Location: Canadian Auto Workers Hall, 125 Bunting Road, St. Catharines, ON
Vendors: 7 AM - Public 9 AM to 1 PM
Admission $6.00, Tables $20.00 (includes 1 admission)
Talk-in: VE3NRS 147.240 (+)
For tables please call Dave at 905-262-5588
E-MAIL: ve3bbn@rac.ca and for all other information, call Ron at 905-688-8137 E-MAIL: ve3ndi@rac.ca
Website: http://www.qsl.net/ve3vm

February 22
Northern Vermont Winter Hamfest - ARRL Vermont State Convention, Milton Hamfest - Milton, Vermont
Location: Milton High School, Route 7, Milton, Vermont
Time: 8 AM to 1 PM.
Vendors: Early Vendors Entrance (via rear door) 6:30 -

Regular Vendor Entrance (via main door) 8 AM
Call or write for more information.
Admission: $3.00 U.S. Under 18 years, free. Canadian money accepted at par from Canadian residents, exact change only. Cash only, no checks.
Talk-in: 145.150 (-) WB1GQR. Prerecorded hamfest information and announcements on 146.67 MHz on the day of the hamfest.
Information: Phone: (802) 879-6589, before hamfest day or via E-mail: w1sj@arrl.net
Website: http://www.ranv.org/milton.html

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The complete ARRL, RSGB, Radio Amateurs of Canada, Radio Amateurs du Quebec Inc. catalogs, and hundreds of other specialty radio communications publications, CD Roms and softwares are available from Radio H.F. A completely new and updated book catalog can be viewed by going to the Radio H.F. website at http://www.total.net/~radiohf, under publications, or go directly to the catalog at:
http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/Cat2002Jan.html

Details of new ARRL and RSGB publications can be found at the ARRL website at:
http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=What%27s+New

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, nets and radio broadcasts that I operate, present or am actively involved in.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, celebrating our 40th anniversary this year. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our January 2003 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX website for complete information, as well as special features and website profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). Celebrating 15 years on the air, I, and co-host Bill Westenhaver, present this weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill website for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may also listen to the International Radio Report when you like. Archived editions of the programme have been posted on the web, thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec. Please check:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

THE MONTREAL DX LISTENERS NET

Sunday evenings, on the West Island Amateur Radio Club Repeater, 146.910 MHz, following the swap net at 8 PM Eastern, tune in for the Montreal DX Listeners Net, featuring news about all aspects of radio; shortwave, AM/FM, utilities, scanning, amateur radio. Included are listening tips, developments in broadcasting, reception reports, HF and scanner frequency information, special topics, questions and comments. This net is in its 9th year, and has had close to 500 different participants during this period. Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW, operates the net. Please feel free to participate. The Swap Net begins at 8 PM, followed by a calendar of events including upcoming hamfests, amateur radio contests and special events amateur stations, plus a list of local events and meetings. The DX Net usually begins around 8:20 to 8:30 PM Eastern, and runs to approximately 10 PM.

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL'S MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG

You can hear my bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on The Maple Leaf Mailbag, on Canada's international shortwave broadcaster, Radio Canada International, with host Ian Jones. Find the times and frequencies on the Radio Canada International website. When you travel abroad, take Canada with you, with Radio Canada International on shortwave.

http://www.rcinet.ca

That's all for this month. Radio H.F. is a mail order, telephone and on-line business, with great products, great prices, and personalized service. Be sure to check out the Radio H.F. website at

http://www.total.net/~radiohf

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